Voter Turnout Low, But Votes Villaraigosa In

Election

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doing, Villaraigosa becomes the first L.A. mayor of Latino descent since the pioneer days.

"I want to thank the people of Los Angeles for putting their trust in me," Villaraigosa said as he claimed victory at midnight. "The results of this election say it more eloquently than I ever could. We are all Angelenos tonight. It doesn't matter whether you grew up on the Eastside or the Westside. It doesn't matter whether you go to work in a fancy car, or in a

"I stand here today because people believe in me. And I want you to know I believe in you as well."

Villaraigosa and Hahn first ran against each other for the Mayor's seat in 2001, when Hahn won. This time out, it was the other way around.

Villaraigosa becomes the City's last Latino mayor since Cristobal Aguilar, who left office in 1872 when Los Angeles was little more than a frontier outpost of 6,000 people.

In other important election news for City employees, Proposition A (Removal of Restrictions on Reorganization of Security and Law Enforcement Authority at the City's Airport Facilities) was going down to defeat. That proposition would have changed the City charter to allow the LAPD to take control over policing at the City's airports, including LAX. With more than 98 percent of precincts reporting, voters overwhelmingly defeated that measure by almost 30 percentage points.

In Council District 11, the only Council district election on the ballot (all others were resolved during the primary elections in March), cable TV executive Bill Rosendahl was defeating Flora Gil Krisiloff by more than 13 percentage points. Many political analysts determined that the District 11 issues involved development in the area; congested traffic; and how best to modernize LAX, which falls in that Council District.

Rosendahl replaces Cindy Miscikowski, who could not run due to term limits.

Overall, voter turnout was reported by the City Clerk's Office to be approximately 30 per-

The Club congratulates Villaraigosa and Rosendahl, and those who supported keeping the Airport Police independent, and encourages bridge-building for a better City.

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Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor receives her commendation from the California Highway Patrol. From left: Los Angeles Airport Police Captain Greg Staar, Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor, California Highway Patrol Captain Calvin Aubrey and Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Bernard Wilson.

■ Airport Police Officer Eleanor **Traylor commended for exceptional** performance.

AIRPORT DEPT. — Officer Eleanor Traylor was awarded a Commander's Certificate of Commendation April 20 by the California Highway Patrol in recognition of exceptional per-

Commended for Heroism

aided a CHP officer needing assistance.

While awaiting backup Dec. 19, a lone uniformed CHP officer became involved in a struggle near the intersection of 96th Street and Normandie

Avenue with a combative and physically imposing individual armed with a metal pole and blocking traffic. While many people watched, the CHP officer wrestled for several minutes with the 6foot-3-inch, 230-pound suspect. Officer Traylor was off-duty and leaving church services when she saw the struggle and ran to assist.

"I saw the officer needed help," said Traylor, who kicked off her Sunday shoes and helped take

formance when she control of the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody and the CHP officer was uninjured.

"On behalf of the California Highway Patrol and its men and women of the West Los Angeles Area, I commend you for your dedication to protecting our community and a job well done," said CHP Captain Calvin Aubrey. "With distinction, you have ethically and professionally provided a high quality of safety, service and security to the people of California."

Traylor joined the City of Los Angeles 30 years ago as a clerk typist, transferring to Los Angeles World Airports in 1976. She became a Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) security officer in 1978, an LAX special officer in 1980, and an LAX police officer in 1981.

Congratulations from the Club, Eleanor! Your commendation is well deserved.



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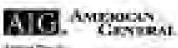


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